

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Final Rejection that claim 18 is directed to allowable subject matter. New claims 25-29 recite the subject matter of previous claims 18, 16 and 19-21, respectively, with claims 26-29 being dependent from claim 25. Thus, claims 25-29 are considered to be in allowable condition.

Independent claims 30-32 similarly recite the subject matter of apparatus claim 25, although claim 32 does so with respect to a method. Therefore, allowance of claims 30-32 is also deemed to be warranted.

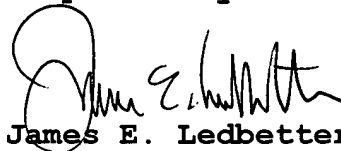
The present amendments were not submitted earlier because of the unforeseeability of the new remarks set forth in the Final Rejection.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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